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FROM MYERSON

DEPT FOR LEIGH(L): BOEKER (EB): MOREY (IO)

NEW YORK FOR GOVERNOR SCRANTON AND AMBASSADOR BENNETT

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SUBJECT: 61ST ECOSOC - ILLICIT PAYMENTS

REF: STATE 194970

1. I GATHER FROM THE REFTEL AND FROM SEVERAL TELEPHONE CALLS THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS PLEASED WITH THE RESOLUTION ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS. THIS SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME IS THE RESULT OF INTENSIVE WORK BY MANY PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON, IN ECOSOC CAPITALS, AND IN GENEVA.

2. THE MAIN CREDIT FOR THE CRUCIAL, FINAL NEGOTIATION, HOWEVER, SHOULD GO TO THE OFFICERS LISTED BELOW ALL OF WHOM DESERVE COMMENDATION. THEIR DISPLAY OF SUBSTANTIVE KNOWLEDGE, NEGOTIATING SKILL, DETERMINATION AND OLD-FASHIONED PERSONAL DIPLOMACY CRYSTALLIZED AN UNCERTAIN TACTICAL SITUATION AMONG FIFTY-ODD DELEGATIONS AND GENERATED THE MOMENTUM

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NECESSARY FOR AGREEMENT:

- JAMES E. BAKER - ECOSOC ECONOMIC ADVISOR (USUN).

BAKER HAS SERVED AS USUN'S ANCHOR MAN ON THIS SUBJECT SINCE IT WAS FIRST INTRODUCED AT THE TRANSNATIONAL COMMISSION IN LIMA LAST SPRING. HE HAS MOVED THINGS ALONG AND PERSEVERED DESPITE MUCH SKEPTICISM AMONG DELEGATIONS IN NEW YORK AND GENEVA. HIS ROLE, CARRIED OUT IN AN EXEMPLARY MANNER, THUS PREPARED THE WAY AND HELPED SIGNIFICANTLY AT THE END.

- STEPHEN BOND - DEPARTMENT (L). BOND MADE AN EXCELLENT CONTRIBUTION. HIS UNTIRING EFFORT THE LAST TWO WEEKS PROVED ESSENTIAL BOTH IN HELPING US JUDGE THE SUBSTANTIVE AND DRAFTING LIMITS OF OUR POSITIONS, AND IN ASSURING LIAISON WITH WASHINGTON IN A FAST-MOVING SITUATION. HIS TOUGH-MINDED ADVICE WAS PRECISE AND MOST HELPFUL.

- MINISTER COUNSELOR ROBERT W. KITCHEN, JR. - DEPUTY U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO ECOSOC (USUN). KITCHEN HEADED THE US NEGOTIATING TEAM IN THE FINAL CONTACT GROUP SESSIONS. IT IS MOST DOUBTFUL THAT WE COULD HAVE SUCCEEDED--OR SUCCEEDED NEARLY AS WELL--WITHOUT HIS KEEN SENSE OF TACTICS AND TIMING, PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH DELEGATES OF PROBLEM COUNTRIES, AND GOOD JUDGMENT REGARDING WHAT IS ESSENTIAL.

3. WHILE PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH OTHER MATTERS DURING THIS ECOSOC SESSION, RICHARD A. POOLE (IO/CMD) SUPPLIED THE SUGGESTED TEXT ON THE KEY POINT THAT PERMITTED COMPLETION OF THE NEGOTIATION. CATTO

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